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PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 385 is advanced. LB 455.

CLERK: LB 455, introduced by the Health Committee, introduced by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to Health and Human Services, advanced to General File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members, LB 455 deals with administrators in long-term care facilities which are nursing homes. LB 455 repeals the requirement that all administrators have to perform an internship that was scheduled to go into effect January 1, 1992. The current law states that after January 1, 1992 that you have to hold an associate degree in long-term care administration and this bill then will say that the current alternatives will continue as is. And so it's...we had a bill last year that dealt with this and we went a little bit too far. We have some administrators that cannot qualify. They're coming in from other states that are currently serving in nursing homes and this will take care of that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Mr. Clerk, you have an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Wickersham would move to amend. The amendment is on page 841 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, this amendment arises, of course, one day I was sitting around reading the statutes and came across 71-6056. It became apparent to me that the statute did not allow appropriate degrees of flexibility for the Board of Examiners. Specifically, it would not allow them the flexibility to license someone who has been through a four-year bachelor of arts degree program in another state and also participated in a 14-month internship in another state. The legislation simply allows the Board of Examiners to waive a one-year active practice requirement and also allows the board to waive the requirement that a nursing home administrator go through a preceptor program